

## SAMANTHA ARDINGER

Judge Bernhardt's law clerk is Samantha Ardinger. Samantha is a true hometown girl, having been born and raised in Ellicott City. She attended Mt. Hebron High School, where she played goalie for the field hockey team. She was president of the Madrigals at Mt. Hebron as well.

Samantha attended Elon University in North Carolina where she majored in communications and psychology. She participated in broadcast media, producing a few shows for the school network. She studied abroad in China, moving to various portions of the country during her time there. She also was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.

Samantha went on to attend University of Baltimore Law School where she was active with Law Review as a staff editor and on the executive board. She organized a Law Review symposium on prison reform and the relationship between police and the community. In addition, she was on the executive board of the UB Law School chapter of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, Inc. and was a Rule 16 student attorney with the Civil Advocacy Clinic. She was chosen to serve as a law scholar for Criminal Law and Property classes and graduated *summa cum laude*.

During law school, she interned with Judge Bernhardt between her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years and then served as his interim law clerk between her 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. She has learned from Judge Bernhardt to read the full file and to always think two steps ahead. While Judge Bernhardt is off on medical leave, Samantha has been assisting other law clerks and the visiting judges.

In her free time, Samantha admits to enjoying true crime novels and bad reality TV shows. She also tries to recreate anything she sees on Pinterest, often in acrylic paints. Having passed the Bar of Maryland, Samantha is hoping to find employment in criminal prosecution or complex civil litigation.